

REMARKS

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, the claims have been amended herein in an effort to correlate the present claims more closely with the claims which were allowed in Applicants' parent application Serial No. 09/845,141, now U.S. Patent No. 6,583,152. More specifically, original claims 1-4 have been amended to include the "consisting essentially of" limitation and the limitation "lowering homocysteine levels in the body" which are found in claims 1-4 of the aforementioned '152 patent.

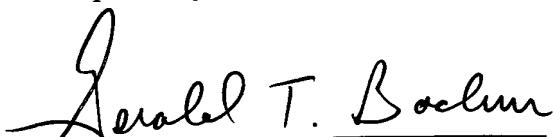
Similarly, new claims 30 and 31 respectively follow the format of claims 4 and 5 of the '152 patent and include the limitations of "consisting essentially of" and "lowering homocysteine levels in the body" found in claims 4 and 5 of the '152 patent.

It is respectfully urged that the application is in proper form for examination, and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or would like to discuss any of the claims, it is respectfully requested that he contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

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